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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, et seq., including specifically subsections (g) and (h) thereof, Applicant(s) call to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449(modified). Copies of the references listed in Form PTO-1449 are provided for the Examiner's review and entry in the record herein, except for references previously submitted to or cited by the Office in a prior application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 CFR§1.97 (b) before the first Office Action on the merits. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been issued, Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97 (c) and hereby requests that the Commissioner deduct the fees associated therewith under 37 CFR § 1.17 (p) from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

- This application relies, under 35 USC § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No.   /  , filed on                         .
- The relevance of the non-English language references listed on Form PTO-1449, is submitted on the basis of:
  - the accompanying English language translation.
  - the accompanying EPO Search Report.
  - the accompanying International Search Report.

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the following concise explanation.

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